

**2-Special Account Questions**

<b>General Questions</b>			<b>FY17 Work Planning Responses</b>
Please review the accounts listed in the tab, "3-Accts need planning updates" and update plans for use in SEMS. The			
Please review the accounts listed in the tab, "4-PlanReclass.Transfer.Closures" and enter any changes into SEMS by FY			
The Region has several settlement negotiations scheduled to begin either this fiscal year, or next fiscal year. Please see			
Please see the tab "7-ReimbAuthorityCarryover" for a summary of reimbursable authority carryover from BFY 2016 into			
Thank you for updating plans in SEMS for using available special account funds. We appreciate the effort that went into the			
<b>Account-Specific Questions</b>			
<b>Special Account Name</b>	<b>SA No</b>	<b>FY17 Work Planning Questions</b>	<b>FY17 Work Planning Responses</b>
BILLINGS PCE SITE	08ME	The account balance of \$672.7K is retained in the Protectiveness Contingency field. Thank you for updating the comment field with additional information for how these funds may be used. The comment field indicates that the funds retained are for ongoing groundwater cleanup and the repair of the groundwater system related to TCE problem. Is there a timeframe for when these repairs for the groundwater system will be completed? Is there an estimate for how much of the account balance will be needed for the repairs, and when?	The money in the special account is being used for groundwater and indoor air post removal assessment of the Billings PCE site. The ongoing removal assessment is being completed to assess the effectiveness of the pce source removal on attenuating the pce plume which is the source of indoor air vapor exceedances under a large residential area in the City of Billings. The ongoing GW and indoor air assessment will be used to determine if any additional removal action is necessary to mitigate the long-term threat. The available balance has been planned activity specifically in SEMS.
BONITA PEAK MINING DISTRICT	A8M5	Please update the "Are Future Deposits Expected?" field to "Yes" if the account is to remain open for future potential settlement deposits.	Field has been updated in SEMS.
CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN	0899	Is there a timeframe for when funds will be moved from the 0899 Clark Fork River Basin special account to other accounts associated with the site?	At this time, we cannot provide a clear timeframe for when funds will be moved from the 0899 Clark Fork River Basin special account to the other accounts associated with the site. The account is associated with special accounts for the Milltown Reservoir Sediments/Clark Fork River Site (0823), the Anaconda Smelter Site (0818), and the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area site (0822). All of these sites are part of the Clark Fork River Basin collection of three listed Superfund Sites. All of these sites have long term and complicated cleanup plans that require substantial oversight and long term monitoring expenditures, and have the potential for orphan share or mixed work funding as the enforcement process proceeds. Costs vary at the individual operable units and planning changes accordingly. Utilization of the 0899 account for money to fund the variable costs for the various Clark Fork Basin sites continues to be necessary to ensure EPA can meet its long term oversight and cleanup obligations throughout the Basin.

EAGLE MINE	0845	\$50K is planned for obligation in FY 2018 for a FYR for the site using appropriated funds. \$128.4K from the special account is to be obligated in FY 2019 for a BE action at OU3. Can the special account be used instead of appropriated funds for the FYR in FY 2018?	The region's preference is to use special account funds on the BE action. The region's pipeline budget continues to shrink and this will be another hit to our pipeline. Specifically, this will effectively be a \$50K reduction in available pipeline to cover this BE action rather than utilizing special account funds. A reduction in pipeline affects our ability to fund other regional site activities or other regional fixed costs (record center, SEE salaries, States, etc.)
FRENCH GULCH	085F	The start for the EE-3 action at the site has moved from 3rd quarter FY 2016 to 4th quarter FY 2017 and the start of the RV-2 action has moved from 4th quarter FY 2016 to 4th quarter FY 2018. Is there a particular reason that these action have been moved out if funding is available?	There has been a changed in RPM. Obligations will occur in FY2017.
INTERMOUNTAIN INSULATION SLC PLANT	08DB	The account balance of \$486.4K is retained in the Other Plans field and the comment field states these funds will be used for future post-removal site control and/or protectiveness contingency where waste was left in place. At FY16 work planning the region indicated that it would investigate if these funds can be moved to the Libby Asbestos special account because this is a Libby Asbestos sister site. Is the region still looking into this? HQ remains concerned that these funds are being retained in this account with no real indication of future work required at the site the funds will be used for and no timeframe for use.	Available balance of \$486,355.51 in TR2B has been planned in SEMS for reclassification in FY2017. This account will be closed out once the reclassification is complete.
IRON SPRINGS MINING DISTRICT	08QM	The account balance of \$394K is retained in the Other Plans field for post removal site control. Can the region provide a timeframe for when post removal site control will begin?	RV-2 has been added for planned start in 2017/3 and the available balance is planned for use under this activity.
KENNECOTT (NORTH ZONE)	084B	\$215K was to be obligated from the account in FY 2016 but was not obligated. Is there a reason that funds were not obligated last year for this site?	Obligations occurred at the Kennecott (South Zone) 081B for MA activity instead of this account. There has been intramural expenses incurred from this account. Kennecott (South) and Kennecott (North) sites are related.
LIBBY ASBESTOS SITE	08BC03	If funds are planned to be used from this account for wildfire prevention activities as outlined in the action memo, will the region plan obligations in SEMS for this activity? Currently there are no planned obligations entered in SEMS from this special account for any removal activities.	\$272,056 was obligated in FY2016 for RV-8 for fire prevention. We didn't have this as a planned obligation line item in SEMS for FY2016; however, the actual obligation occurred.
LIBBY ASBESTOS SITE	08BCOM	O&M actions for OU1 and OU2 show a start in SEMS of January 1, 2016 and August 1, 2013, respectively. Planned obligations from the 08BCOM account are entered for FY 2017. To date no obligations have been incurred against this account. Will the region begin obligating funds from this account for O&M activities at OU1 and OU2 this fiscal year?	Yes. EPA is in the process of negotiating the Cooperative Agreement with the State of Montana.

MONTANA POLE AND TREATING	0869	Does the region continue to receive payments that are deposited into this account? The account balance at FY16 mid-years was \$152.8K and the account balance as of FY17 work planning is \$186K. If the only use for the funds deposited into the special account is for technical assistance grants, the region may want to evaluate if future payments should be deposited into the special account or the Superfund Trust Fund. The \$25K that was planned to be obligated in FY16 for a TAG does not appear to have been obligated.	Yes, the region continues to receive payment for site-related costs that are deposited into this account. The region plans to continue funding technical assistance grants, and also plans to shift payroll costs to the special account. The region will be requesting spending authority for payroll out of the special account. The \$25K that was planned to be obligated in FY16 for the TAG was obligated in the first quarter of FY17.
MURRAY SMELTER	08Q9	\$50K is planned for obligation in FY 2018 for a FYR using appropriated funds. Can special account funds be used instead of appropriated funds for the FYR in FY 2018?	The region's preference is to use special account funds on the BF and MA actions. The region's pipeline budget continues to shrink and this will be another hit to our pipeline. Specifically, this will effectively be a \$50K reduction in available pipeline to cover these actions rather than utilizing special account funds. A reduction in pipeline affects our ability to fund other regional site activities or other regional fixed costs (record center, SEE salaries, States, etc.)
NORTH CAVE HILLS MINING SITES	08EP	The account balance of \$2.7M is retained in the Other Plans field for post removal site control. Can the region please enter into the comment field in SEMS estimated timeframes for use of these funds for post-removal site control?	The available balance has been planned in SEMS for use under Removal Assessment (RS), Removal (RV), and intramural use.
OGDEN RAILROAD YARD	087E	\$50K is planned for obligation using appropriated funds in FY 2020 for a FYR for this site. Can special account funds be used instead of appropriated funds for the FYR in FY 2020?	The region's preference is to use special account funds on the O&M and MA actions. The region's pipeline budget continues to shrink and this will be another hit to our pipeline. Specifically, this will effectively be a \$50K reduction in available pipeline to cover these actions rather than utilizing special account funds. A reduction in pipeline affects our ability to fund other regional site activities or other regional fixed costs (record center, SEE salaries, States, etc.)
PALLAS YARD	082P	\$20K was to have been obligated in FY16 on a cooperative agreement with the state for this site. The obligation did not happen in FY 2016 and is now planned for FY 2017. Is there a particular reason that the obligation did not occur in FY 2016?	The State of Utah did not request for funds in FY2016. It's now determined that the available can be reclassified and it is planned in SEMS for reclassification and account closeout in FY2018.
PORTLAND CEMENT KILN DUST #1,4,5	089C	The account balance of \$66.8K was to have been obligated in FY16 for the GM-1 action at OU1. The obligation did not occur in FY16 and is now planned for FY17. Is there a particular reason that the obligation did not take place in FY16?	There was an issue with the Cooperative Agreement funding ceiling in FY2016. This issue has been resolved and funds will be obligated in FY2017.
RICHARDSON FLAT TAILINGS	0894AS	\$50K is planned for obligation in FY 2017 using appropriated funds for a FYR for the site. This account has \$78.7K retained for outyear FYRs. Please replace the appropriated funds planned for obligation for the FYR with special account funds.	There's issue with the PRP oversight. Special Accounts need to be reserved to address this issue.

ROBINSON INSULATION MINOT PLANT	08DC	The account balance of \$486.4K is retained in the Other Plans field and the comment field states these funds will be used for future post-removal site control and/or protectiveness contingency where waste was left in place. At FY16 work planning the region indicated that it would investigate if these funds can be moved to the Libby Asbestos special account because this is a Libby Asbestos sister site. Is the region still looking into this? HQ remains concerned that these funds are being retained in this account with no real indication of future work required at the site the funds will be used for and no timeframe for use.	Available balance of \$486,355.51 in TR2B has been planned in SEMS for reclassification in FY2017. This account will be closed out once the reclassification is complete.
ROCKY FLATS INDUSTRIAL PARK (THORO - AERRCO - GWI)	0810	\$600K is to be reclassified from this account and \$55.5K is retained in the Protectiveness Contingency field. The comment field states these funds are reserved for potential protectiveness contingencies for this site. Please provide more information for why there is a concern for future protectiveness and the amount retained would be sufficient to respond.	Planned for reclassification in FY2017 for \$572,352.15. The remaining balance will be retained for work with the new BFPP record and to implement ICs at the site. SEMS has been updated.
SMELTERTOWN SITE	08J6	The account balance of \$108K is retained only for FYRs, with the first planned obligation from the account to occur in FY 2020. The account was opened in FY 2006 and no funds have been obligated or disbursed to date from the account. The first planned use of the account will occur 14 years from the time the account was opened. If these funds are only needed for FYRs, HQ will guarantee funding for future FYRs if the funds in the account are reclassified/transferred and the account is closed.	SEMS has been updated for planned reclassification of the available balance and closeout in FY2018. Planned obligations for FYR has been changed to "T".
SMURFIT-STONE MILL FRENCHTOWN	08J6	\$170K is planned for obligation in FY 2018 using appropriated funds for the BD-1 action at OU1. \$40K is planned for obligation in FY 2019 from the special account for the MA-1 action. If appropriated funds will be used in FY 2018, please ensure the special account funds are fully obligated first.	Planning in SEMS is intended to utilize special account funds before use of any appropriated funds. The planning will be adjusted during FY17 to ensure that planned needs for FY18, FY19, and FY20 adequately plan the use of special account funds before appropriated funds. The region also anticipates billing and receipt of payment for additional site costs to be deposited into this special account. Planning in SEMS for future funding needs have been updated.
SUMMITVILLE MINE	08Y3	In FY 2016 funds were planned to be obligated from the special account for the LR-2 action at OU5 in addition to appropriated funds. Only appropriated funds were obligated for this action in FY 2016 and the special account funds were not obligated. In FY 2017, the special account balance is again planned to be obligated for the LR-2 action at OU5, in addition to appropriated funds. Please do not obligate additional appropriated funds for the LR-2 action at OU5 unless the special account funds will also be fully obligated for this action.	The region anticipates expending the special account funds in FY17. The delay is based upon the need to conduct and complete an optimization study at the site. R8 anticipates that implementing the optimization recommendations will exhaust the available special account funds.
TWINS INN	084F	Please provide a timeframe for when the \$567.6K retained in the Other Plans field may be used for removal activity at the site to assess source control issues. What needs to happen at the site for this activity to proceed?	Funds were reclassified in FY16. Additional site work is still be contemplated at the site. If the available balance is not drawn down in FY17, R8 will reevaluate the special account for further reclassification and close out in FY18.

VERMICULITE INTERMOUNTAIN	08GA	The account balance of \$486.4K is retained in the Other Plans field and the comment field states these funds will be used for future post-removal site control and/or protectiveness contingency where waste was left in place. At FY16 work planning the region indicated that it would investigate if these funds can be moved to the Libby Asbestos special account because this is a Libby Asbestos sister site. Is the region still looking into this? HQ remains concerned that these funds are being retained in this account with no real indication of future work required at the site the funds will be used for and there is no timeframe.	Available balance of \$486,437.19 in TR2B has been planned in SEMS for reclassification in FY2017. This account will be closed out once the reclassification is complete.
WASATCH CHEMICAL CO. (LOT 6)	0872	Please ensure these special account funds are used for intramural costs incurred in FY 2017. No funds have been obligated or disbursed from the account since it was opened September 2006. If funds will not be used in FY 2017, then we recommend the region close the account.	Region 8 is planning on using the special account funds for payroll/travel in FY2017.
WESTERN MINERALS DENVER PLANT	08DA	The account balance of \$1.5M is retained in the Other Plans field and the comment field states these funds will be used for future post-removal site control and/or protectiveness contingency where waste was left in place. At FY16 work planning the region indicated that it would investigate if these funds can be moved to the Libby Asbestos special account because this is a Libby Asbestos sister site. Is the region still looking into this? HQ remains concerned that these funds are being retained in this account with no real indication of future work required at the site the funds will be used for and no timeframe.	Planned to reclassify \$759,887.74 and transfer \$600,000 to 08BCRA in TR2B in FY2017. The remaining balance of \$175,712.56 is reserved under "Other Plans" for future post removal site control activities, institutional controls, and or protective contingencies. Region 8 is working with the state to use the remaining balance. SEMS has been updated.